

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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Thank you to our Sunday School teachers

We want to thank our Sunday School teachers for their dedicated service to our youth each week during the school year. Our thanks go to Liz Deasy, Judy Summers, Erika Moreno, Marcia Bougher, Kayla Spohr, and Anna Short. You are wonderful! **Thanks so much!**

Mission Interpreter Report

What is a mission interpreter? As your mission interpreter I will try to tell the story. The story of what God is doing in our world and in our church. This is the short answer to what a mission interpreter does. There is a long answer, but as time goes by and where I am telling God's story, the ELCA story, and Pilgrim Lutheran Church's story, I am hoping that you will discover that answer for yourselves. If there are stories out there that I am missing, that you would like me to tell, please give me that story and I will share it. I believe it is important that we all know our story and that it is told.

The more we share, the more we know, and the more understanding there is. Accompaniment is where we walk shoulder to shoulder. Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." We are in this together, all of us. No matter how small or how big the story, we walk together just as Jesus walked with his disciples and with Jesus beside us, anything is possible. God's blessings to you.

-Anna Short

Roger Thieme Honored

The former Adams County public services building will be getting a new name that will honor Roger Thieme for the work that he has done in the field of career-training for over 50 years in Othello. We thank Roger for the work he did to promote public/private partnerships and effective employer-provided training and are grateful that he will be recognized in this manner. The name will be revealed at 11 am, Tuesday July 9th at 165 N. 1st Ave. All are welcome to attend!



Congratulations Rylee and Myles McKay

June 9 was a big day for the McKay family and Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Both Rylee and Myles were confirmed during the service by Pastor Short and celebrated afterwards at a reception in the fellowship hall. We wish them a lifetime of walking with God, and we look forward to watching as they grow in their faith. (Pictured above with their cake, and below with Pastor Don and their aunt Sara Gardner.)

Red Cross Blood Drive

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Tuesday July 23rd
1-6 pm
Your help taking down tables & chairs beforehand, and putting them back up @ 7 pm afterward is greatly appreciated!



Have a safe and sane 4th of July!!



Lutheran Disaster Relief

Pilgrim Lutheran has been gathering donations for the areas destroyed by the tornadoes in the Midwest. Great job, Pilgrim-we have **\$562.00** ready to be sent off to the appropriate place for disbursement to those damaged areas. See the INFO corner inside for the Noisy Offering total!

Women's Bible Study at Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Women will be carpooling down to Lord of Life Lutheran Church on August 3rd for Bible Study together with other women of our Grape Cluster. Stay tuned to the bulletins and the August newsletter for additional information. You may also call Fay Coats at 509-855-3911. All are welcome!



July Message From Our Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I must admit to you that I am already thinking about my vacation coming up in the middle of this month. Anna and I will be spending a few days with my sons on the Oregon coast, and I am already looking forward to it. I hope I am not too distracted with planning to pay attention to what we have going around here! I am looking forward to the activities we have planned while we are there. We will be walking along the beach, flying kites, having sing-alongs with ukulele and guitar, probably roasting things on a fire, and touring the area including the Tillamook cheese factory. (Anna has already admitted to me that she is really more interested in the ice cream than the cheese.) I will tell you all how it went when we return.

In the meantime, you may want to plan to be in worship on July 14th to hear George Schwantes preach. As you may recall, Pastor Schwantes is a retired Army chaplain whose last assignment was the Pentagon in Washington DC. It seems appropriate to me to have him preach during the month where we celebrate our nation's independence. The gospel lesson that week is about the Good Samaritan. I wonder what Pastor Schwantes will preach about. You will have to come to worship to find out.

You will definitely want to be in worship on the 21st of this month! That is the day we will hold our annual "Hat Sunday with Ice Cream Social". It will be fun to see the creative hats people wear to worship, and even more fun to eat ice cream together! We will have plenty of toppings to enhance your ice cream experience, so please come and enjoy, even if you don't wear a hat.

You may be wondering why we do this every year. For me, it is a way to celebrate our freedom in Christ. As Paul wrote to the Galatian church, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to the yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1) By setting us free from the slavery of sin and death, Jesus has set us free to express ourselves without having to conform to the expectations of our society.

Jesus has set us free to share ourselves with our neighbors and let the gifts God has given us shine through our daily living. By decorating a hat, we take time to express ourselves and share a bit of who we are without having to take time to simply explain ourselves. If we cannot find the words to express our interests and passions, perhaps we can say it with a hat, with the help of the Holy Spirit. After all, as Paul wrote to the Romans, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. The Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26 and 27b) Plus, it's fun, and I like to have fun. I'm anxious to see your hats! See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Don Short

Pastor Short's office hours

Wednesday-Friday 9-12 pm
Tuesdays 9-11 am

Tues pm reserved for text studies & Wed-Fri afternoons reserved for meetings, visitations, and appointments.

If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Don Short at **509-761-1212**.

Anna's office hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-11 pm
Cell phone 509-761-1205

Mission Statement: PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH is led by the Holy Spirit **to invite** everyone to experience God's **Love** and **Grace** through life's pilgrimage of faith.

Vision Statement: PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH provides a warm, caring, and open atmosphere where we spread God's Word by **serving** our community, **being** a good neighbor, and **embracing** the power of prayer.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Members

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Additional Articles and Voices Requested!

If you would like to publicize your committee's event or have a photo you would like in the Pilgrim's Progress, please contact Kristi Spohr at 509-331-4406. Thanks very much!

INFO CORNER


6/2	Attendance: 32	Offering: \$ 2,190
6/9	Attendance: 54	Offering: \$ 2,738
6/16	Attendance: 38	Offering: \$ 1,472
6/23	Attendance: 43	Offering: \$ 1,902
6/30	Attendance: 35	Offering: \$ 2,015

Noisy Offering of June 30 - \$217.50

YTD Offerings — \$58,099

YTD Expenses — \$61,134

Thank you for supporting your Church and it's Mission!
God loves a generous heart!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7 10 am Worship Healing Service	8	9 Alfa y Omega 6 pm No Council Mtg	10 Pastor Short and Anna on vacation	11	12	13
14 10 am Worship Welcome Pastor George Schwantes	15	16 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	17	18	19	20 10:30 am Baby Shower for Becca Thornton
21 10 am Worship Hat Sunday & Ice Cream Social	22	23 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	24	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29 3 pm Cell Tower Hearing at City Hall	30 Alfa y Omega 6 pm	31	Men's Group Breakfast- Saturdays 8am @ Casa Mexicana SUNDAY SCHOOL reconvenes in September!		

Cell Tower Update

Work on getting all permits, and procedures done for the installation of the cell tower is continuing. One step yet to be completed is a public hearing. This will take place on Monday July 29, at 3 pm. We are encouraged to be in attendance to support the building of the tower! In addition, the public is encouraged to give written comment on this proposal which will be included in the city staff report. Comments may be dropped off at City Hall or given via email to ahenning@othellowa.gov. More information can be found on the Notice of Development Application/Public Hearing Notice found on the board next to our Pilgrim Lutheran sign close to corner of 7th and Elm Streets. Hope to see you at the hearing.

Tuesday July 9

There will be no Church Council Meeting on July 9.

Anniversaries-July

23 Paul & Bernie Snyder
24 Pete & Tammy Rodriguez
31 James & Becca Thornton

Birthdays-July

2 Liz Deasy
3 Alizah Jahns
4 Sandi Bosch
6 Anna Short
7 Angela Martinez
8 Mandy Moore
9 Aleta Cheek
12 Ivan Vallejo
16 Paul Snyder
19 Kayla Martinez
21 Annie Smith
25 Kelsey Jahns
26 Larry Kirkpatrick
27 Molly Jensen
27 Desiree Howes
28 Sofia Mendoza



Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free.

- written on the Statue of
Liberty in New York harbor

www.DreamThisDay.com

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SACRISTAN	BREAD	CLICKER	GREETER	COFFEE HOUR
July 7		Linda B	Liz J		Anna S	Nancy R	Tammy R	Sandi B	Cindy E
July 14	Steve J	MaryAnn K	Becca T	Jacob	FayAnn M	Nancy R	Kristi S	Annie S	Marcia B MaryAnn K
July 21	Pete R	Annie Smith	Fay C	Jacob	Sue B Fay C	Nancy R	Tammy R		Linda B Tammy R
July 28	Pete R	Shirley M	Annie Smith				Tammy R		Shirley M Annie S Sue B



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Thank you Pastor Don and Anna

- for inviting the congregation to the Garden Party and Pentecost Vigil in your backyard;
 - for providing food and drink and lively decorations in Pentecost colors; and
 - for your gracious hospitality
- We appreciate you, your work & efforts, and your park-like backyard!

Pictured below: Proud parents, Michael & Paula McKay with the confirmands, Myles & Rylee



Lectionary Readings for July

July 7	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galations 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14	Deuter 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 21	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 28	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13



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